

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 195
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the congregation of
the Central Baptist Church of Oak Ridge upon
the Church's 50th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, this legislative body finds it appropriate to recognize and congratulate those
churches who through faith, values and unfaltering commitment are celebrating a special day of
achievement; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church of Oak Ridge is one such outstanding religious
institution, celebrating 50 years of excellence; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1947, a group of over 100 Christians met in an elementary
school and the Highland View Baptist Church was chartered; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend J.R. Black was called to be the first pastor; and

WHEREAS, because the federal government would not allow the building of a
permanent church, the members worked assiduously to raise money to build the church; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, the church's new sanctuary became a reality, and the church
changed its name to the Central Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, today, the church attracts members from the entire Oak Ridge community
and is presently headed by Pastor Dr. Bruce Coyle; and

WHEREAS, the Central Baptist Church continues to grow, and in 1986 a larger
sanctuary was built; and

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WHEREAS, churches such as the Central Baptist Church are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to specially recognize the Central Baptist Church of Oak Ridge on their 50th Anniversary as one of the outstanding religious institutions of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Dr. Bruce Coyle and the entire congregation of the Central Baptist Church of Oak Ridge on 50 years of service, commitment and dedication to the Oak Ridge community and to this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.